

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 15 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-21 and 23 are present in the application. Further and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In an Advisory Action mailed on November 2, 2005, the Examiner commented that "cleaving due to a difference in lattice constants is not recited in the claim language". On the other hand, Applicants believe that, taking into account the claim language as well as Applicants' specification and prior arguments, the claims were very clearly limited to cleaving facilitated by a difference in lattice constants. Nevertheless, Applicants have implemented the foregoing amendments to independent Claims 1, 11 and 20 in order to recite even more clearly in these claims that differing lattice constants facilitate the recited cleaving. These changes do not alter the intended scope of Claim 1, Claim 11 or Claim 20, but should resolve the Examiner's concerns. The amendments to dependent Claims 6, 8 and 15 merely improve the grammatical and idiomatic form of these claims, without any alteration to their intended scope.

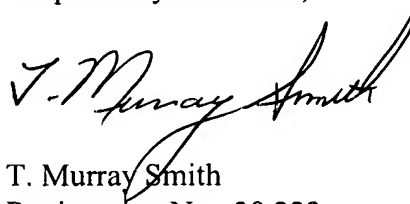
In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request further and favorable consideration of the present application. If the Examiner believes that examination of

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this application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 972-739-8647.

Respectfully submitted,

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